

alternating current, for coupling said electroluminescent cell to said means for providing alternating current.

REMARKS

In view of the following discussion, the applicant submits that all of the claims now pending in the application now comply with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b). Thus, the applicant believes that all of these claims are in allowable form.

Rejections

A. 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)

The Examiner rejected the specification as being informal/non-responsive under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), that required that any amendment to the specification must be presented as submission of the entire text of newly added or rewritten paragraphs with amendments using the underlining and bracketing format. All amendments to the specification (see paper 13, filed January 22, 1998) are now amended by amending the entire paragraphs using brackets and underlining. The applicant further adds the new paragraphs to the specification by providing paragraph text in underlined format. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(6), the amendments to the specification are made relative to the patent specification as of the filing date of this reissue application. For this reason, the applicant submits that the amendments to the specification satisfies the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b).

The Examiner has also rejected claims 8, 10-12, 14-16, 20, 22, 25, 27, and 30-32 as being informal/non-responsive under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b), and requires that the full text of each original claim that was amended during the prosecution must be depicted with the amendments displayed using the bracket and underlining format. As required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(6), the amendments to the claims are now made relative to the only original claims (in this case, claims 1-7) filed with this reissue

application. Claims 8, 10-12, 14-16, 20, 25, 27, and 30-32 are thus considered "new" claims in this amendment, and as such, are amended by underlining the entire text of the claims as per 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b)(2) as discussed during a telephone interview with Examiner Luu on August 18, 1999. For this reason, the applicant submits that the amendments to the claims now satisfy the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b).

The applicant's remarks contained in amendments filed August 19, 1996 (paper 7), January 22, 1998 (paper 13), and December 28, 1998 (paper 10) relate to the Examiner's previous anticipatory claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the obviousness claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103, the objections to the drawings under 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a), the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112 as containing matter not adequately described in the specification, and the objections under 35 U.S.C. § 132 as introducing new matter into the disclosure are not included herein. The rejections have been responded to in the previous amendments and the remarks have not been duplicated herein.

B. Supplemental Declaration

The Examiner requires a supplemental declaration for reissue applications that complies with 37 C.F.R. § 1.175. The applicant's attorney has unsuccessfully attempted to contact the applicant (who recently left the employment of the assignee of the present invention) to obtain the signed supplemental declaration. Due to the time limit on this action, the applicant's attorney will provide the declaration with the next response, or upon allowance.

Conclusion

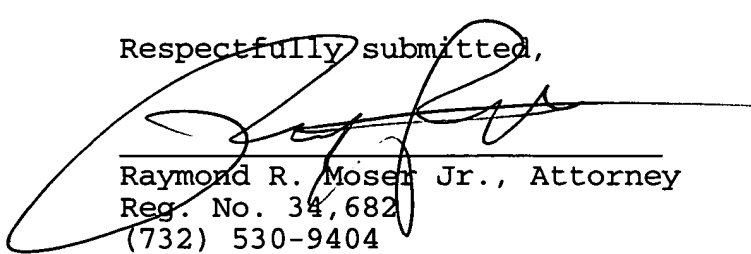
Thus, the applicant submits that the specification, and the claims pending in this application, are now amended in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(b). Consequently, the applicant believes that all these claims are presently in condition for allowance.

Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application, it is requested that the Examiner telephone Mr. Raymond R. Moser Jr., Esq. at (732) 530-9404 so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,

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